COMMENCEMENT DAY SCHEDULE
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020

8:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. ► OPEN TO VISITORS
♦ Bookstore ♦ @the Beak (PLC) ♦ Grand River Chapel ♦ Dale-Patton Schoolhouse

8:30 A.M. ► BACCALAUREATE PROCESSIONAL
Seniors gather in Union atrium for processional. (Press your robe before you arrive!)

9:00 – 10:00 A.M. ► BACCALAUREATE SERVICE
John Gano Memorial Chapel

10:00 – 11:30 A.M. ► BRUNCH WITH FACULTY
Breakfast buffet served in Dining Halls. To guarantee seats for your family, make reservations by May 8 at www.jewell.edu/brunch. Cost is $10 per person.

10:30-11:00 A.M. ► MASTER’S HOODING CEREMONY, GANO CHAPEL

11:30 A.M. ► MABEE CENTER DOORS OPEN
Seating is first-come, first-served. (See below for Special Needs seating.) We strongly suggest that elderly and very young family members save seats while parents take photos of Walk Around the Quad.

11:45 A.M. ► SENIORS REPORT TO GANO CHAPEL FOR LINE UP

12:30 P.M. ► WALK AROUND THE QUAD BEGINS
Remember, the hill behind Mathes Hall slopes steeply downward and there are many steps into Mabee. There will be 15 minutes for family members to make their way to Mabee before the ceremony begins. (This route is NOT wheelchair accessible.)

1:00 P.M. ► COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY, MABEE CENTER
(Typically lasts 1½ to 2 hours)

3:00 P.M. ► NEW ALUMNI PHOTO PARTY
One last opportunity to take photos with friends and faculty members before turning in regalia and leaving “The Hill” to begin your own celebrations.

4:00 P.M. ► REGALIA RETURN TABLE CLOSES

SPECIAL NEEDS SEATING
The Mabee Center has parking lot level access at the northeast and southeast entrances. There are approximately 2,300 folding chairs on the ground level and 1,500 bleacher seats available. Seats in the general seating area are unlimited; no tickets required. (Mabee Center is NOT air-conditioned.)

Please contact Susan Arbo, director of ceremonies and signature events, at (816) 415-7681 or at arbos@william.jewell.edu, if you have guests who need sign language interpretation (by April 1) or who have wheelchairs or other special seating needs (by May 1).

A maximum of six seats per senior may be reserved in the Special Needs seating area.